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Meg Voorhes heads Social Issues Services for RiskMetrics Group's Financial Research and Analysis unit. She coordinates—for a broad clientele of institutional investors, corporations and others—the organization's research on the environmental, human rights and other social issues raised by shareholders at U.S. companies. In addition, she edits *Corporate Social Issues Reporter*, a monthly journal. She heads the Sustainability Task Force for RiskMetrics Group, and frequently advises on corporate sustainability issues.

She is a director and the treasurer of the Social Investment Forum, the trade association for the U.S.-based socially responsible investing industry and its service providers. She is a member of the Women's Foreign Policy Group and from 2001 through 2003 served as a judge for Social Accountability International's Corporate Conscience Award.

Voorhes co-edited the Investor Responsibility Research Center's (IRRC) 1998 book, *The Sweatshop Quandary: Corporate Responsibility on the Global Frontier*. In addition, she conducted research in 1999-2000 for five U.S. universities on the labor conditions under which their branded apparel is produced by contractors in China, El Salvador, Mexico, S. Korea, Pakistan, Thailand and the United States and co-authored the resulting *Independent University Initiative Final Report*.

For much of her career, Voorhes specialized in issues related to multinational investment in South Africa. From 1990 through 1998, she directed IRRC's Southern Africa Service. She contributed a chapter on "The U.S. Divestment Movement and South Africa" to *How Sanctions Work* (MacMillan, 1999), and is the author or co-author of several other studies on corporate responsibility and apartheid in South Africa. Her recommendations on how U.S. companies could work for social justice in South Africa were incorporated into the rating criteria used for several years to assess U.S. companies' performance under the Sullivan principles, a voluntary anti-apartheid code of conduct.

Voorhes also conducted pilot research on fair employment in Northern Ireland for the founding of IRRC's Northern Ireland Service. She is a graduate of Wesleyan University and earned a Master of International Public Policy degree from the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.